

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,118,492 to Milnes *et al.* ("Milnes") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,462,784 to Kohno *et al.* ("Kohno"). Applicant has canceled claims 6 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer thereby rendering their rejections moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of the remaining claims.

The combination of Milnes and Kohno does not disclose or suggest at least wherein said first portion is adjacent to said second portion along said time axis, as recited in claim 1. As set forth in the claims in the specification, a first portion of each of the cells which satisfies the specific condition set by the setting device is displayed in a display form which is different from that of a second portion of each of the cells which does not satisfy the specific condition set by said setting device. In an illustrative, non-limiting embodiment shown in figure 3, the first portion 39 of a cell is adjacent to the second portion 33 of the cell. In the exemplary embodiment in figure 5, the first portion 39 of the cell corresponds to the color and pattern of the sport 62 genre in the genre list display portion 61.

Therefore, as set forth in claim 1, the program guide displays a first portion of a cell indicating the genre adjacent to the second portion of the cell along the time axis. The combination of Milnes and Kohno does not disclose or suggest at least these features.

Milnes discloses in figure 2 a table in which program names 115 may be separated by a cell division 142 which is used to determine whether or not the show in question is beginning or already in play (column 4, lines 8-12). Similarly, Kohno discloses, for example in figure 6, a

program title displaying section 82 that can display a station logo 82A, a channel number 82B, a program title 82C, and a broadcasting time display bar 82D or the like (column 8, lines 8-11).

Thus, neither Milnes nor Kohno discloses or suggest at least wherein said first portion is adjacent to said second portion along said time axis, as recited in claim 1. Even if one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made had been motivated to combine the references, the combination would still not result in the claimed features.

In view of the above, claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Milnes and Kohno. Claims 7, 14 and 15 contain features similar to the features recited in claim 1 and are therefore patentable for similar reasons. Claims 2-5, 8-11, 16 and 17 which depend from one of claims 1 and 7, 14 and 15, are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence.

Additionally, the combination of Milnes and Kohno does not disclose or suggest that a first portion of a cell in the first program table and a first portion of a cell and a second program table has a same color as set forth in claim 2 and has a same pattern as set forth in claim 3. Further, the combined references do not disclose or suggest that a first portion of a cell in each program table has a different color or a different pattern than a second portion of a cell in each program table, as set forth in claims 4 and 5, respectively. Claims 2-5 are patentable for these additional reasons.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Milnes in view of Kohno, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,392,709 to Orito ("Orito"). Applicant traverses this rejection.

In rejecting claim 13, the Examiner alleges that the combination of Milnes and Kohno discloses a program guide as in claims 1 and 2. As established above, however, the combined

references fail to disclose all the features recited by the claims. The Examiner relies on Orito to allegedly disclose a summary information cell which indicates a summary content of a program. Orito, however, does not disclose or suggest wherein said portion of each program, which satisfies the specific condition, is adjacent to said portion of each program, which does not satisfy the specific condition, along said time axis, which is deficient in the Milnes-Kohno combination. Thus, claim 13 is patentable over the combination of Milnes, Kohno and Orito.

Additionally, Milnes, Kohno and Orito, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the time axis scrollability which provides further differentiation of Applicant's disclosure from the cited references.

Conclusion

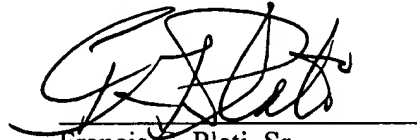
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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